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## Deployed Marines alerted to ID theft

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Recently deployed service members were forced to deal with checks forged in their name, according to a memorandum issued by Headquarters Marine Corps.

"Marines had checks stolen and they wouldn't find out until after they were deployed," said Capt. Brian Keller, Deputy Head of Legal Assistance, Judge Advocate Division, Headquarters Marine Corps. "In one case, it was the victims mother who noticed checks being written, that he couldn't have, because he was deployed to Iraq."

Keller added, "If you're giving a power of attorney to someone, you have to be sure and give them the power to report fraud on your behalf."

"There have been dozens of cases on the West Coast," Keller said.

Although there is no record of a forged check identity theft scheme at Camp Smith, all Marines should be on the alert.

"People need to safeguard their information, checks and credit cards. It is situational awareness - knowing where your important information is kept and insuring no one can get to it," said Master Sgt. Dionisios Nicholas, legal services chief, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific.

A forged check is not the only type of identity theft service members should look out for - "phishing" is another.

"Phishing" is the act of sending e-mail or Pop-up advertisements to a user in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information that will be used for identity theft, according to [www.webopedia.com](http://www.webopedia.com).

"Pop-ups solicit legitimate looking merchandise. They take what ever information you give them to steal your identity," said Sgt. Kirk Goree, a network security technician. "Don't click on any Pop-up. Delete them immediately."

He added that the same holds true for e-mail advertisements.

"No legitimate bank will e-mail you an advertisement for loans or an account, without you asking them to. Don't trust e-mails from people you don't know," Goree said.

Not only do Pop-ups and e-mail advertisements hold the possibility of being a "Trojan horse" they can also allow hackers into your computer.

"Some people who buy a lot of stuff via the Internet often store their information on their computer. If their computer is ever compromised, the hacker can get all of that information," said Goree.

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Ginger, the commanding general's beagle, snoops around the Quarters One kitchen as Staff Sgt. Derrick E. Oliver makes scones. Oliver, an accomplished food-services Marine, serves as the CG's enlisted aide. *Sgt. Ethan E. Rocke/Chevron*

## Mmm Mmm.

BY SGT. ETHAN E. ROCKE  
*Editor*

Banana-stuffed French toast served with warm maple syrup; artichoke and garlic sausage; fiesta scrambled eggs prepared with diced, assorted bell peppers and fresh herbs from the garden; a fresh fruit cup on the side and a cold glass of orange juice to wash it all down followed by a nice cup of café du monde coffee.

It's a gourmet breakfast fit for kings, but there's no royalty or castles associated with this meal. It's just Friday morning at the general's house.

The Friday breakfast tradition is the Depot commanding general's way of welcoming the parade

reviewing officer and honored guests for another graduating company of America's new Marines, and the impressive culinary productions are entrusted to the hands of just one man.

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# Depot family celebrates independence with annual three-mile Freedom Run

BY CPL. SHAWN M. TOUSSAINT  
*Chevron staff*

Marine Corps Community Services here held its third annual Freedom Run event aboard the Depot July 1.

“The Freedom Run is a great way to celebrate our independence,” said Gunnery Sgt. Anthony Hernandez, personnel chief, Consolidated Personnel Administrative Center here. “It reminds not only Marines but all service members of the reason we all decided to serve”

Starting at the recreation center, more than 400 service members, civilians and family members ran the three-mile course around the Depot.

“It’s a lot of fun to come out and

participate in something like this before everyone sets out on their Fourth of July holiday,” said Sgt. Elizabeth M. Inglese, graphic artist, Combat Visual Information Center here.

The Depot employs more than 1,200 civilians to help in the mission of making Marines. For some of those civilians, the Freedom Run gives them the chance to share in the camaraderie and esprit de corps of the Marine Corps.

“Being at the starting line with all the Marines, made me feel like I’m part of the Marine Corps family, said Jennifer Armstrong, pay chief, CPAC, about how she felt prior to the run. “It’s nice to get out of the office and see everyone come out and celebrate independence together.”



Marines from the Marine Enlisted Commissioning Program Preparatory School here run together in the Depot’s annual three-mile Freedom Run. Sgt. Ryan Smith/Chevron

## Depot triathletes hammer in “Race of Truth”

BY CAPT. BRIAN CLEMENS  
*Contributing writer*

Taking a break from their normal swim, bike, and run training regime, the MCRD Triathlon Team recently pedaled a grueling 12.6-mile time trial in this first-ever team organized event. Competing against the clock and one another, seven team members and two other local service members set off on solo efforts to post the fastest time over five laps of nearby Fiesta Island June 24. The event was organized by Capt. Brian Clemens, the director of Drill Instructor School and an avid cyclist, “in an effort to add some spice, fun, and organization to our team’s training,” and “to demonstrate a team commitment to a sport that is normally characterized by individual ability.”

To quote from an article by Fred Matheny posted on the www.timetrial.org Web site, “... Time trials are the simplest form of cycling competition. Cyclists start at intervals, usually one minute apart, and ride the course as fast as possible alone. The object is to complete the distance in the least amount of time. No drafting is allowed. It’s one rider against the clock. Often called the ‘race of truth,’ the time trial is perceived as the ultimate test of a cyclist’s ability. You ride as hard as you can from start to finish.”

The day was dominated by Capt. Patrick Klokow, a Company L series commander, who hammered out an impressive time of 30 minutes and 50 seconds. Along with Sgt. Nick Hooge of Naval Special Clearance Team One aboard Naval Amphibious Base Coronado, he broke the 24-mph average speed barrier. “The team time trial was a great idea,” comments Klokow. “Competition adds some spice to our weekly rides. We all pushed ourselves harder than we would on a regular training day.”

This event will now be regularly scheduled on the last Thursday of each month. All riders of all abilities are welcome. As Fred Matheny writes, “Time trials are a safe way for the recreational cyclist to measure their fitness level and progress. It’s also a great way for triathletes to sharpen their bike skills. If you enjoy riding and want to set your own personal record, you’ll probably be tempted to give time trialing a try.” Now the team members’ goals will not only be to post the day’s fastest time and be hailed as the “Hammer King,” but to break their own personal bests as well.

For more information on the MCRD Triathlon Team or the monthly time trial event, please contact their team captain, Gunnery Sgt. Sean McBride at (619) 524-5041 or Capt. Chad French at (619) 524-4666.



Capt. Patrick Klokow won the coveted “Hammer King” award for his 30-minute, 50-second finish of the 12.6 mile course.



**CHANGES IN HEALTH CARE**  
California Congresswoman Susan A. Davis came to Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego June 29 to discuss upcoming changes to military health care benefits. The information forum gave up-to-date information regarding the change of the military’s primary health care provider from TriCare to TriWest. The event also introduced the TriWest staff. Shawn M. Toussaint/Chevron

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To safeguard computers Goree recommended downloading a free firewall.

“There are many agencies out there that sell firewalls and Pop-up blockers.” Goree added, McAfee.com offers a free personal firewall to all Department of Defense employees.

“Marines should look at and keep their bank, credit card and other financial institution statements,” said Nicholas. “They should look at their spending patterns and try to notice anything out of the ordinary. Retaining statements and records will help if they ever need to dispute a purchase.”

According to a Federal Trades Commission report this year, of the 96 percent of those who contacted FTC to file an identity theft claim, 68 percent did not call the police department and file a police report.

### WAYS TO PROTECT YOURSELF

Do not carry unnecessary identification with you. This will minimize in-

formation from a thief if your wallet or purse is lost or stolen.

Put passwords on your accounts, but avoid easy-to-crack passwords such as birth dates or consecutive numbers.

When transmitting personal information through a Web site, make sure that the yellow lock icon is present on your browser. An identity thief may be able to access information transmitted on an unsecured Web site.

In your home, keep all of your personal information in a safe place where no one else can easily find it.

Check your account statements each month to ensure there are no unauthorized charges to your account.

Check your credit report regularly. If an identity thief opens a new account in your name, it will be on your credit report.

Do not give your personal information to anyone calling you on the phone unless you know for sure it is for a legitimate purpose.

To obtain your personal information, an identity thief may call you, pretending to be from a company with which you have a relationship.

If you have any doubts, request a number for the department calling you, in case you decide to call back, and call the company using the customer service number on your account statement to verify that the previous department actually contacted you.

### HOW TO RESPOND

You must act immediately to ensure that you are not liable for unauthorized accounts and charges.

If you believe someone has used your account or opened an account in your name, contact the three major credit bureaus: Equifax, Experian and TransUnion. Order copies of your credit report and review them for any unauthorized accounts or activity.

Request each credit bureau place a

fraud alert in your file along with a victim’s statement requesting that creditors call you before opening new accounts or changing existing accounts.

Close all unauthorized accounts and accounts that have been fraudulently used. File a police report with your local police department or where the identity theft occurred. Get a copy of the police report, if possible, or get the report number because some companies may not erase the fraudulent debt without a police report.

To obtain more information about identity theft, you may visit the FTC’s Web site at [www.consumer.gov/idtheft](http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft).

You may file an identity theft complaint with the FTC by going online, phoning 877-ID-THEFT (438-4338), or by writing to Identity Theft Clearinghouse, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580.

You may also contact legal assistance for help at (619) 524-4111.

## Women Marines stories told through eras made me proud

BY SGT. CHRISTINE C. ODOM  
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“We are Marines!” by Linda Cates Lacey, a retired Marine Corps major, underlines the significant obstacles women in the Marine Corps have encountered and overcome and the achievements that have secured their places in the most feared fighting force known to the world.

The book opens with “free a man to fight,” which was the primary reason Maj. Gen. George Barnett, the 12th Commandant of the Marine Corps, secured permission from the Secretary of the Navy in 1918 to enlist a limited number (305) of women reservists to free men from clerical duties for combat in France.

Barnett’s decision would mark the beginning of a story that would take nearly a century to be told.

Lacey compiled the book from the incredible accounts of female “trailblazers” in the Corps, initially identified as Marinettes, but who now proclaim the title of Marine.

Each story illustrates the personal experiences women faced as outsiders in a “boys club.” They challenged normalcy and set aside chivalry. When the nation called on them for support, women did what any patriotic American would do; they answered.

While reading the quaintly written anecdotes, and as corny as it sounds, I felt a sense of pride, not because I’m a female and a Marine, but because I have elected to commit to something many would not have the courage to do.

The commitment to the Corps, while brief, is what the majority of the women speak of most in the book. All loved being a part of this grand organization we know as the Marines, and they never regretted enlisting even when they were asked to resign because of marriage or parenthood.

After learning of the constant double standard these Marines had to endure then, I realized that was what they had to bear. No one ever said the Marine Corps would be easy.

Fortunately, their experiences paved the way for women to grow as leaders and advance in their careers.

One particular advancement that is highlighted in the book was the Women’s Armed Services Integration Act passed by Congress in July 1946, which authorized the acceptance of women into the regular component of the Marine Corps and other Armed Services.

Even though women were given this opportunity, they still weren’t allowed to do many things during their enlistments. Mary Sabourin, a retired sergeant major, mentioned in one of her stories that women weren’t required to qualify with a rifle or authorized to wear trousers.

Each chapter highlights a particular era, starting when women were first allowed to enlist. Also, the chapters list facts, names and other information about prominent women in the Marine Corps during each era.

Today, women constitute 6.2 percent of the Corps’ end strength and are an integral part of the Marine Corps. They are required to meet the same standards as men in most of their annual training.

“We are Marines!” is a chronologically organized book with insightful stories from women Marines of our past and present. Completely inspiring, it assures us that no matter what obstacle we may encounter, it won’t break us, but make us stronger.

Because no female Marine is alone, I hope she reads this book.

### BOOK REVIEW: ‘WE ARE MARINES’



# Goodbye, Depot

*I’ll forever cherish the essence of this, my first Marine duty place*

BY SGT. ETHAN E. ROCKE  
*Editor*

Over the past two years, I have served proudly aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, and during that time, this special place has ingrained itself deep inside me forever.

As I leave the Depot for my next duty station this week, I look back with fondness on the place Gunnery Sgt. R. Lee Ermy once called “The showplace of the Corps.” And as I look back, I imagine myself like the feather in the beginning of Forrest Gump. Gracefully floating from one story to the next as my romance with the Depot unfolds ...

As the chaotic alarm clock of a bugle call blasting over a loud speaker suddenly comes alive, so do the squad-bay lights, flooding the subconscious mind and leaving no room for the comfort of dreams. Reality comes crashing in with the intense snarl of a drill instructor barking orders.

For many, the dreams from which they’re wrenched, were inspired last night after they watched from a squad-bay window a cruise ship docking in the San Diego harbor as fireworks from Sea World exploded in the distance.

Outside, it’s still dark, but the lights from Lindbergh Field and downtown are always glowing in the night sky, and the clouds reflect a dim orangish gray. As the recruits form up on the apron, they can barely make out the Marine layer behind the silhouettes of palm trees in the pre-dawn sky.

Those on the airport side near the mess hall can already smell their chow.

If you go north from there, you can smell real-Marine chow. It smells a lot like recruit chow.

Outside the reach of those familiar mess hall aromas, are many other smells: Sometimes, it’s the smell of a crisp sea breeze filling up your lungs as you run along the backside, where a chain-link fence separates you from the airport runway. A lot of the time, it’s the subtle smell of the cool, aged, stone walls inside one of the buildings by famed architect Bertram Goodhue. If you’re a “hat,” it’s the smell of Bulldog aftershave and Listerine. If you’re a hat at the beginning of a cycle, you wish it was aftershave and mouthwash, and you wish the term “recruit funk” had something to do with music. If you’re a member of the Museum Historical Society, it’s the smell of dozens of old uniforms, weapons, paintings and other collectibles.

Of course, those museum folks know more of the sounds than the smells; I would think. After all, they hold one of the most prime pieces of real estate for the sounds. Every Thursday, there’s the low grumble of hundreds of bubbling family members all scrambling for the first look at their new Marine. Then comes the loud, motivated cadence echoing across Shepard Memorial Drill Field, followed by a whole lot of clapping and cheering. Sometimes, in the midst of all that, they can make out the excited, high-pitched bark of a young English bulldog named Molly as she lunges forward on her leash, trying to get loose to run in formation.

Some sounds can be heard from every corner. I wonder what the most familiar one is. Probably a bugle call — reveille, morning colors (pause for jetliners blaring through the windows) retreat?

Marine Corps cadence echoing in the arcade? You hear that sometimes. Not quite as much as you hear a platoon of (Pause again for airplanes. It’s hard to hear myself think when they’re flying over, so I’m waiting for this one to pass) recruits yelling “Aye aye, sir!” and “Yes, sir!”

I know. Drill instructor’s calling (plane again)



Photo illustration by Sgt. Ethan E. Rocke/Chevron

cadence. That’s got to be the most familiar sound. At least, I can’t think of (another plane) a more familiar sound right now.

Personally, my favorite sound is probably the national anthem followed by the Marines’ Hymn. This often means someone is graduating something. Recruiters School maybe?

With every new batch of graduating recruiters, the Corps future is courted and conceived out “on the streets” all over America.

When the drill instructors graduate, they just take a walk “across the street” to carry the Corps’ future to term and watch it born over and over again on the grinder every Friday. There’s that anthem and hymn again.

If ceremonial music is not playing, you can almost count on some sort of hedge trimmer or weed whacker coming alive with a disturbing ruckus. But as parents snap pictures of their new Marines all over the Depot, cameras record only the exquisite landscaping and architecture in the background and never the annoying buzz of a lawn tool, which subsides in the evening time.

The day begins to fade, and night falls over the Depot. Seagulls scavenge for scraps of food behind the mess hall while recruits eat their evening chow. The young men probably think forward to their hour of free time, looking straight past the hour or two they’ll spend in “the mini grinder.”

With a “snap!” a “pop!” and a canteen of water, the lights are suddenly out in the squad bay again. Recruits lay at the position of attention as Taps plays.

A peaceful serenity settles over the Depot again, and my Forrest Gump feather settles on the open pages of a fire watch’s recruit knowledge. He doesn’t really notice at first. He’s too busy thinking about cruise ships and fireworks.

I’ll miss this place.

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Operation Homecoming

Operation Homecoming will run through Veteran's Day, allowing returning service members and up to four direct dependents, a one-time, free entry to one of the Sea World, Busch Gardens or Sesame Place parks. The offer provides for one visit to one park only. Proof of deployment or overseas service is required along with a valid Department of Defense identification and completed application form. Application forms will be available on-line and at park front gates.

Women Marines Association biennial convention

The Women Marines Association will host their biennial convention Sept. 4-8 at the Westin Horton Plaza, 910 Broadway Circle, San Diego. Registration information can be obtained from local WMA chapters, through the WMA Web site at

www.womenmarines.org or by contacting sgtmajjudge@cox.net.

Membership in WMA is open to all women serving or having served honorably in the U.S. Marine Corps or the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. Additional information is available by calling 1-888-525-1943.

Designated Driver volunteers needed

The Designated Drivers Association is looking for volunteers. Volunteers can meet new people, earn extra money in tips, and make a difference. Drunk drivers kill almost 17,000 Americans and injure over 700,000 each year. Volunteering for the Designated Drivers Association is a pro-active way to get involved in the community. Volunteers must be at least 18 and have a valid driver's license and insurance. For

more information, visit www.ddasd.org or call (866) 373-7233.

Naval Intelligence Essay Contest

The U.S. Naval Institute, the Naval Intelligence Foundation, and the Naval Intelligence Professionals are sponsoring the annual Naval Intelligence Essay Contest. This contest is designed to encourage individuals interested in naval or maritime intelligence to engage in critical thinking about the field. The deadline for submissions is Aug. 1, and the winning essay will be published in the February 2005 issue of Proceedings Magazine. The contest is open to any military or civilian author. The maximum length is 3,500 words. The winner will receive a \$1,000 cash prize, a five-year membership in the Naval Intelligence Professionals, one to three Naval Institute Press books and a one-year membership in the Naval Institute. All entries should be submitted to:

Naval Intelligence Essay Contest, Naval Intelligence Professionals, P.O. Box 9324, McLean, VA 22102-0324. Entries submitted electronically should be sent to navintproessays@aol.com.

Free ride on the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway

Active and retired military personnel can ride the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway for free during the month of July. Up to six of a service member's guests can also ride "the world's largest rotating tramcar" for 25 percent off regular tram admission price. For more information, call (888) 515-8726, or log on to www.pstramway.com.

NCOA Job Fair

The Noncommissioned Officers Association is hosting a Job Fair July 22 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in conjunction with United Associations Group, Inc. and MilitaryHire.com. The fair, which will take place at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center, is open to all current and former military as well as the public. NCOA membership is not required. For more information, contact Artealia Gilliard of the Veteran's Employment Assistance Program at (800) 662-2620 ext. 288 or via e-mail at agilliard@ncoausa.org. Job seekers may also visit the NCOA Web site at www.ncoausa.org for more information and a list of companies and updates on the job fair.

Devil Pups' free camping trip

The Devil Pups Citizenship Program is offering a free 10-day camping adventure at Camp Pendleton, Calif., for qualified San Diego and Imperial County boys and girls ages 14-17, July 15-24. For more information, contact Lt. Col. Howard at (619) 421-3026.

USMC Parents' Conference

The first National USMC Parents' Conference, "Standing in the Gap," will take place July 30 through Aug. 1 in Indianapolis. The purpose of the conference is to help parents of Marines know their roles in supporting their children through the Corps. For more information on the conference, call Cathy Schoon at (260) 636-3102 or contact her via E-mail at schoon@lightel.com.

Chosen Few banquet

The Montford Point Marine Association San Diego Chapter - 12 will hold the Chosen Few Banquet Aug. 28 from 6 to 10 p.m. at the 32nd Street Naval Station. For more information, contact Sam Bagwell at (619) 524-6865.

Iraqi-culture classes available

The Iraqi community of San Diego would like to show their appreciation to service members heading to Iraq. The community is available to set up a question and answer session on the Iraqi culture and people for service members deploying to Iraq. For more information on the Iraqi Community of San Diego, contact Camille Al-Attia at (619) 417-3912 or via e-mail at catallia@yahoo.com.

Submit possible briefs to the Chevron via e-mail to guevaraer@mcrdsd.usmc.mil. The Chevron staff reserves the right to publish only those briefs that comply with Department of Defense regulations and the standards and regulations of the U.S. Government.



This composite shows Marine Band San Diego marching across Shepard Field during the Support Bn. command-change ceremony. Lance Cpl. John Cosentino

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SUPPORT BN.

Lt. Col. Daniel J. Wawrzyniak, center, hands the organizational colors to Sgt. Maj. E. X. Hines, Support Battalion sergeant major. Lt. Col. Steven A. Folsom, right, relinquished command of Support Bn. to Wawrzyniak in a change-of-command ceremony July 1 on Shepard Field. At a reception following the ceremony, Folsom was promoted to colonel. He will go on to serve as Staff Judge Advocate for Marine Corps Bases Western Area, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif. Wawrzyniak comes from Marine Air Control Group 18, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, where he served as executive officer.

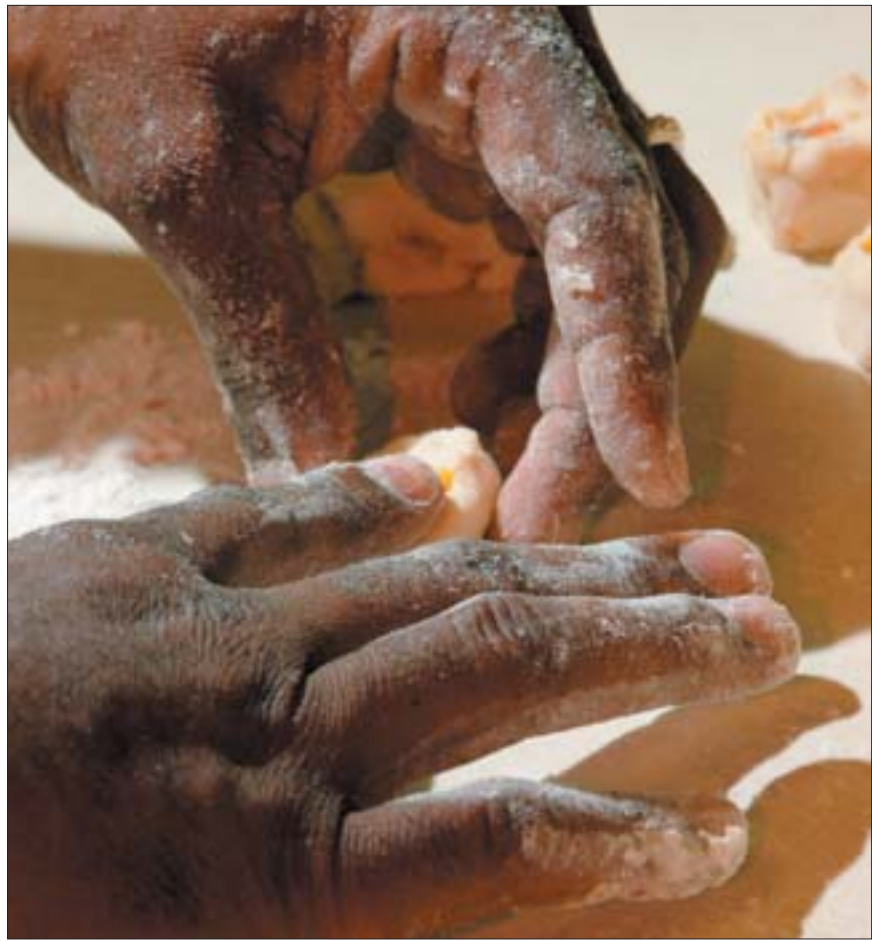
"I'm happy to be back in San Diego and part of the MCRD/RTR family," said Wawrzyniak. "I'm very proud to be the newest member of the Support Bn. team. I'm honored and thankful to have been given the opportunity to steward Support Bn. through the challenges that come with making the world's finest fighters. The Marines, sailors and civilians of Support Bn. are true professionals." Wawrzyniak's personal decorations include the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

WEAPONS & FIELD TRAINING BN.

Col. R. P. Wagner III, (right) relinquishes command to Col. Ronny L. Yowell in Weapons and Field Training Battalion's change-of-command ceremony July 1 at Edson Range Area, Camp Pendleton, Calif. In the ceremony, Wagner was awarded the Legion of Merit. He will go to Headquarters Marine Corps, Washington, D.C., to serve in the Plans, Policies and Operations Division. Yowell comes from Marine Corps Base Camp Butler, Okinawa, Japan, where he was responsible for host-nation and political/military affairs for Marine Forces Japan. His personal awards include a Legion of Merit, two Meritorious Service Medals, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

Staff Sgt. Ysid R. Gonzalez, drill instructor, Platoon 2082, Company H, explains to a recruit from Platoon 2083 the importance of discipline. Lance Cpl. Edward R. Guevara Jr./Chevron





Oliver kneads dough and mixes fruit for a scones recipe. As a teenager, Oliver, a New Orleans native, started working in a French Quarter restaurant as a dishwasher. *Sgt. Ethan E. Rocks/Chevron*

**Aide, from pg. 1**

Staff Sgt. Derrick E. Oliver, enlisted aide to Depot Commanding General Brig. Gen. John M. Paxton Jr., came to the Depot with Paxton last summer.

Oliver served in the generals' officers mess in Washington, D.C., where he served senior leaders such as the secretary of the Navy, the Commandant and assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, the Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps and other senior officials including Brig. Gen. Paxton.

"This is where he got to know me," said Oliver. "I knew Staff Sgt. Oliver for two years at (Headquarters Marine Corps); he was known for having great energy and personality," said Brig. Gen. Paxton.

Since coming to the Depot, each Friday's breakfast has been a unique creation of Oliver's.

"I try to come up with a new recipe every

week for Friday morning breakfast," said the 26-year-old Marine. "It's a big challenge, but I love doing it."

Oliver, a nine-year food-services Marine, said he volunteered for the enlisted aide position here because he "wanted the challenge of running a quarters."

Oliver's taste for challenge is not surprising, considering the fact he is a Marine, but he said it's his appetite for the culinary arts coupled with his love of the Corps that has become his recipe for success and happiness.

"I'm honored that I get to do something I truly enjoy, and I get to do it in the Marine Corps," he said.

Oliver's career in the Corps began in 1995. His love affair with food began long before that. In fact, he said it's something inherited, rooted deep in his soul, thanks to his mother, Mary.

"I learned how to cook from my mom," Oliver



Staff Sgt. Derek Oliver, enlisted aide to the commanding general, came to the Depot in September 2003, bringing with him a passion for food and plenty of original recipes to help make his tour aboard the Depot a memorable one. *Sgt. Ethan E. Rocks/Chevron*



Oliver's finished scones. *Staff Sgt. Scott Dunn/Chevron*

**Recipe for success: 1 serving rifleman; 1 serving chef; mix vigorously; add challenging work environment; let rise to occasion; limit saltiness**

said. "Growing up, I was the oldest in a household with seven children. I had to learn how to cook at an early age, but I took to it right away. My mom taught me everything she knows."

Oliver grew up on the West bank of New Orleans just a short distance from the city's French Quarter. It was in that popular district he worked as a restaurant dishwasher when he was 16. By the time he joined the Marines at 17, Oliver had moved from dish washing to sandwich preparation. His bosses had become more concerned with his ability to put food on the dishes and less with his ability to take it off. His career in food services began while he was a teenager, and it shifted into overdrive when he joined the Marines.

"My mom influenced me to come into food services when I joined the Corps. She told me to do something I enjoy, and I'm thankful everyday for that advice."

Oliver has had much to be thankful for during his Marine Corps career. His first tour of duty afforded him the opportunity to live abroad in Naples, Italy, where he was assigned to the Marine Security Forces. He has attended several culinary schools as a Marine, including the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y., and the Army's Advanced Culinary Course in Fort Lee, Va. He said he is also a food manager certified by the International Food

Service Executives Association.

All of these experiences helped prepare him for his latest, demanding, yet fulfilling, duty aboard the Depot, he said.

"There is a lot of cooking involved in this job, but being an enlisted aide also takes a lot of common Marine traits, like self-discipline, good time management and organizational skills and a lot of initiative," said Oliver. "Those things are big keys to success."

"Even though the job is different, it's still hard work," said Oliver. "There are early mornings as well as late nights for me."

Oliver said he could not be where he is today without support from wife Malaika and daughters Arianna and Deja. "They're a true support system," he said.

Oliver said his real challenge is not honing his culinary skills but keeping pace with his fellow staff noncommissioned officers throughout the Corps.

"It's a challenge, but I love it," he said about maintaining the Corps standard of always being a rifleman first. "I'm a graduate of the staff academy ... I PT three to four times a week. I stay on top of my MCIs, and of course, I qualify on the rifle and pistol every year." He does all this while maintaining a 3.0 grade point average at the University of Phoenix.

Brig. Gen. Paxton said Oliver has a great

reputation for mixing skill sets and motivation, and that's what makes him special to the enlisted aide position.

"Staff Sgt. Oliver is a Marine first, a staff NCO second, and an enlisted aide third. He is a graduate of the Staff NCO Academy and The Army Culinary Arts School," said Brig. Gen. Paxton. "You never get a second chance to make a first impression. Staff Sgt. Oliver always gives guests of the Depot a great first impression."

Oliver's responsibilities here go beyond simply cooking. He is responsible for the maintenance of the entire first floor of Quarters One. He also oversees the outdoor grounds, and he conducts several tours of the quarters, something he said he enjoys a great deal and would like to see more Depot Marines take advantage of.

"I always encourage Marines to come out and tour the quarters," Oliver said. "A lot of them have no idea of all the history and beauty here."

One attraction at Quarters One that many Marines may be unaware of is Ginger. Ginger, a nine-year-old Beagle, is the Paxton family dog, and on any given work day, she is Oliver's sidekick.

"She's always right there by my side," said the 5-foot-11-inch-tall Marine. "She's one of my biggest fans."

Not surprisingly, Ginger's devotion often pays off when Oliver 'throws her a bone,' so to speak.

Of course, Ginger doesn't perch up on her hind legs to beg for bones, but rather to get the first taste of whatever delightful delicacy Oliver has concocted.

But while Ginger is fully satisfied with all of Oliver's recipes, the man behind the apron is constantly looking to improve.

"I get my recipes from anywhere and everywhere," he said. "I love to make recipes of my own, and I'm always trying to learn as much as I can."

The Paxton's said it is that kind of driven approach to his job that makes Oliver an invaluable asset to the Depot and a wonderful extension of the Paxton household.

"We couldn't entertain as much as we do without Staff Sgt. Oliver, and I wouldn't want to," said Mrs. Paxton. "He makes it fun. He's always got a smile on his face."

Oliver works closely with "The Mrs." — his name for Mrs. Paxton. Together, the two of them plan out menus and dinner parties.

"We have a lot of confidence in his abilities, and we have a great working relationship," said Mrs. Paxton.

While providing delicious meals for the countless numbers of Quarters One guests throughout the year, Oliver works hard to make sure the cost, which is factored into the Depot's entertaining budget, is as minimal as possible.

The depot has the Corps' third largest entertaining budget. Oliver plans, shops and prepares meals for all Quarters One receptions, which sometimes cater to more than 350 guests.

"I go wherever I can to make my meals better," said Oliver, who does all the shopping and food preparation. "I clip coupons to stretch the dollar as much as possible. I have an account at every wholesale food store in this area."

Oliver's meticulous and energetic manner makes him a wonderful blessing for the Paxtons and the Depot, according to Mrs. Paxton.

"It's amazing that one person is able to do all that he does," she said.

Oliver is a one-man show these days, and he said although he often misses being able to pass on his knowledge and recipes to young, aspiring cooks in the military, he couldn't be happier where he is.

But when Oliver's tour aboard the Depot is over, the sky's the limit.

"I'd like to work for the (chairman of the) joint chiefs of staff or the president," he said. "When I get out, I'd like to own my own restaurant or catering business."

For now, he remains in San Diego, making sure Quarters One is always one of the most beautiful attractions aboard the Depot and the best place for dining.



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# THIS MONTH IN HISTORY



## July dates of Marine Corps historical significance

### July 4, 1801

President Thomas Jefferson reviewed the Marines, led by the Commandant of the Marine Corps, Lt. Col. William W. Burrows and the Marine Band, on the White House grounds. The smartly uniformed Marines performed drills and fired various salutes in observance of the nation's 25th anniversary.



### July 6, 1990

One of the oldest and most versatile attack aircraft in Marine Corps history, the A-4 Skyhawk, retired from the Corps' active aviation structure after more than 30 years of service. The last two Skyhawks from Marine Aircraft Group 32 flew from Cherry Point, N.C., to Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Md., on this date.

### July 7, 1941

The 1st Marine Aircraft Wing was activated at Quantico, Va. Within a year of activation, the wing would participate

in the Marine Corps offensive at Guadalcanal. That bitter campaign would be the first in a series of legendary battles in which the wing would add luster to its reputation. The 1st MAW would earn five Presidential Unit Citations for gallantry in campaigns spanning World War II, Korea, and Vietnam.

### July 11, 1798

President John Adams approved "An Act for Establishing and Organizing a Marine Corps", and it became law. The following day, the president appointed William Ward Burrows the Major Commandant of the new Corps. In August, Major Burrows opened his headquarters in Philadelphia, at that time still the capital of the young nation.



### July 14, 1993

The USS Iwo Jima was decommissioned after more than 30 years of service in a ceremony at Norfolk Naval Base, Va. The ship was named for the World War II battle during which three Marine divisions ousted 20,000 entrenched Japanese troops.

The Iwo Jima was commissioned August 26, 1961, and it was the first ship specifically designed as an amphibious assault ship from the keel up.

### July 18, 1918

The 4th Brigade of Marines began an attack near Soissons, France, as part of a three-division counterattack against the Germans. In the first two days of battle, the brigade sustained 1,972 casualties.

### July 24, 1944

The V Amphibious Corps, commanded by Maj. Gen. Harry Schmidt, landed on Tinian in the Mariana Islands. The following morning, the 2nd and 4th Marine Divisions began a shoulder-to-shoulder southward sweep of the island. Organized enemy resistance faded within a week, and on August 1, Maj. Gen. Schmidt declared the island secure.

### July 26, 1947

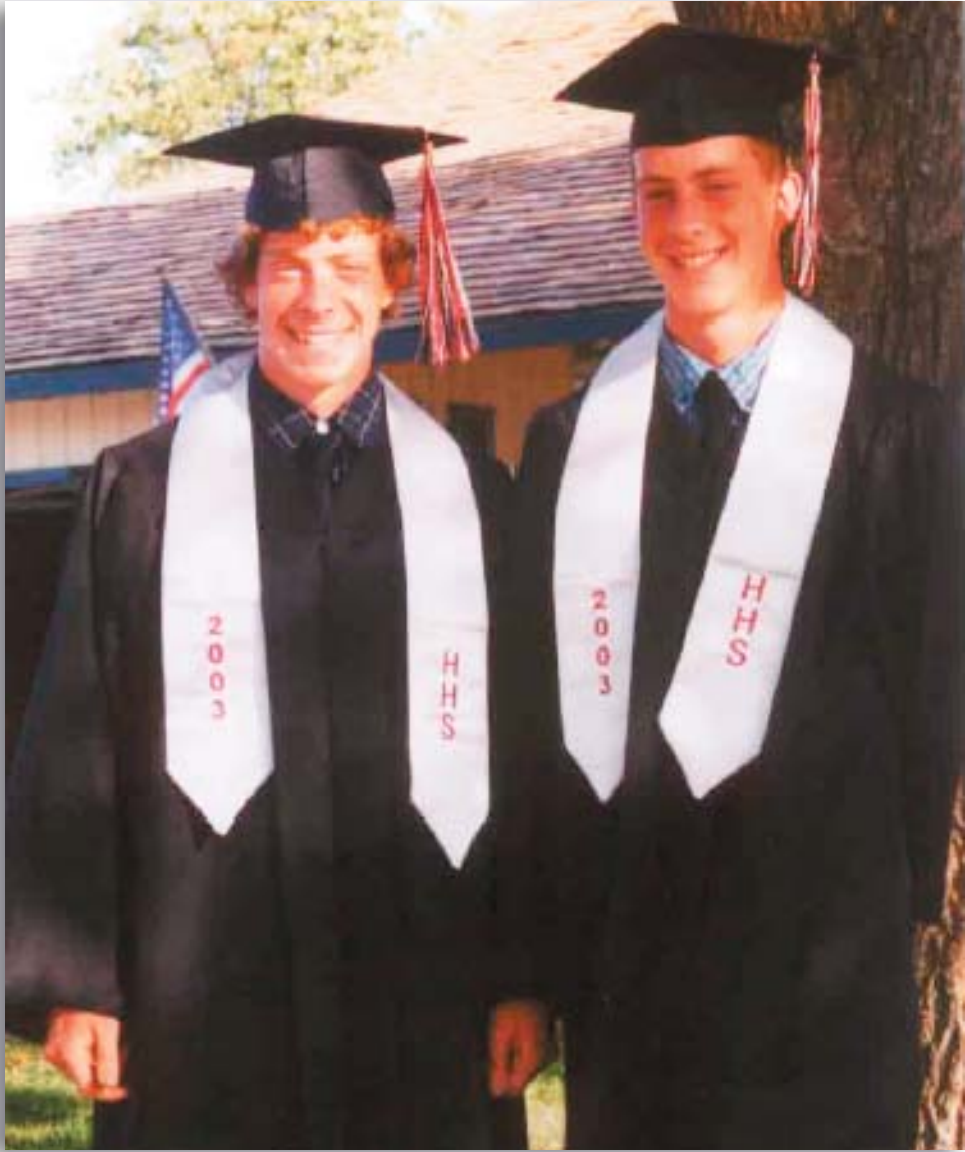
The National Security Act of 1947 became effective, reaffirming the status of the Marine Corps as a separate military service within the Department of the Navy. The Act Provided for Fleet Marine Forces and confirmed the Corps' mission of seizing and defending advanced bases, as well as land operation incident to naval campaigns.

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### 28 July 1918

Brig. Gen. John A. Lejeune assumed command of the 2nd Division, U.S. Army in France, and remained in that capacity until August 1919 when the unit was demobilized. He was the first Marine officer to hold an Army divisional command, and following the Armistice, he led his division in the march into Germany.



After high-school graduation, twins Joshua (left) and Jason Mace joined the service. Jason, who joined the Army, was the first to enlist. Family photo courtesy of Capt. Garry Mace

# DUAL ACTION

## Raised from Navy roots, twins branch to different services

BY SGT. RYAN SMITH  
Chevron staff

"Recruit training is like the top of the Reaper; when you are looking up, you are not sure you can make it, but when you're looking down, you know you have made it," said PFC Joshua R. Mace, Company H honor man.

Having climbed to the pinnacle of recruit training, Mace graduates today and joins the armed services with his identical twin, Army PFC Jason Mace. Growing up, the twins became used to a wayfaring military life with their father in the Navy.

"(My sons have) seen me work in an exciting career that I truly love, and they know how rewarding a career in the military can be," said Navy Capt. Garry Mace. "They had been exposed to a military lifestyle since birth and have lived overseas three times."

"Every two years we packed up everything we owned and headed for someplace new," said Joshua. "After we turned 18, our father received orders to Japan. We decided to stay behind."

Calling Hanford, Calif., home, the twins were looking for direction in life. "After high school graduation, they were faced with the fact that they had to commit to college or some other career because the rest of the family was moving back overseas," said Capt. Mace. "The military has always been like a second family to them and that probably pushed

them toward enlistment."

Jason was first to act and set out to become a soldier. He joined the Army in August 2003 and reported to boot camp in November.

"He came home on leave and I sprung the news of my enlistment on him," said Joshua. "I left for boot camp one week later. He always thought I would join the military but he seemed surprised that I left so soon."

"I was kind of jealous," said Jason, mortarman, 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, Fort Benning, Ga.

But pride replaced envy; Jason and family often send encouraging letters to support Joshua.

"I am very proud of him and what he is doing with his life," said Jason. "He has accomplished so much in such a short amount of time."

"I was ecstatic at the decision for both of my sons," said Capt. Mace. "Like most kids their age, they lacked focus and discipline. I knew the military could harness (their) energy and intellect and instill the discipline required to reach their full potential."

Following graduation, Joshua will take 10 days of leave before reporting to the School of Infantry, Camp Pendleton, Calif. Following his training, he has been selected for presidential support duty. His brother Jason is currently preparing for jump school beginning next month, followed by sniper and Ranger training.

# Grown from challenge

## Life's difficulties propel drill instructor

CPL. SHAWN M. TOUSSAINT  
Chevron staff

Staff Sgt. John B. Noel, drill instructor, platoon 2079, Company H, overcame challenges and turned them into the passion that leads to winning in life.

At age 5, Noel lost his mother and was sent to live with his godparents. It was an experience that taught him nothing should be taken for granted and there are no second chances in life, said Noel. It is a lesson he takes with him into the ranks of the Marine Corps and his job of making Marines.

"Growing up, I learned to take nothing for granted," said Noel of his early years growing up with his godparents on the Caribbean Island of St. Lucia after his mother died. "I learned people will help you, but you have to be willing to help yourself first. My decision to join the Corps was made with that in mind."

Noel is aware that some of the young men he trains have experiences similar to his own. He also knows that for some of those men, joining the Marine Corps was the first step they have ever taken toward helping themselves.

"Everyone takes on challenges in life," said Noel. "The goal is to take those challenges and grow from them."

For many of the new recruits Noel trains, Marine Corps recruit training is the toughest challenge they've ever faced.

Though Noel does not often share the story about his mother with his recruits, he does let them know in true drill instructor fashion that things could be worse.

"I let them know it's about taking on challenges and over coming them." When I graduated from recruit training, I felt there was no challenge I could not overcome. I want them to feel the same way when they graduate."

Noel knows he is responsible for training his recruits to face one of the biggest challenges of mankind: war.

Having faced the challenges of war himself, Noel put every ounce of his energy into training his recruits to be the kind of Marines who do the right thing in battle.

"I know that once they graduate, after (Marine Combat Training) or

(the School of Infantry), there is a ... chance they will be in Iraq during some point of their four-year enlistment," Noel said. "I want them to be ready to look out for the guy to their right and left, because those guys are their family. The Corps is a family."

Today, the guy to Noel's right and left are his fellow drill instructors. According to some of them, Noel's perseverance to overcome challenges is one of his primary strengths as a drill instructor.

"At Drill Instructor School, some of us thought his heavy Caribbean accent would hurt his ability to communicate with recruits and conduct drill," said Staff Sgt. Saul Barajas, drill instructor, platoon 2082, Company H. "He basically turned what people thought would hurt him into one of his biggest strengths. He is a dedicated hard worker and an asset to Hotel Company."

The driving force behind Noel's passion of transforming young men into Marines is his desire to be a positive influence in the lives of others.

"I'm having fun," said Noel with a smile. "I always knew I would be a drill instructor. It's the best job to have, if you want to influence people to change for the better."

Noel's role within his platoon as the "third hat" is mainly that of a disciplinarian and teacher.

"Discipline is what sets the Marine Corps apart from the other services, and it is also what makes the difference in how people overcome life's challenges," said Noel.

*'Everyone takes on challenges in life. The goal is to take those challenges and grow from them.'*

— Staff Sgt. John B. Noel, drill instructor, Company H



Drill instructor Staff Sgt. John B. Noel, platoon 2079, Company H, credits his ability to take on and overcome challenges to his success in life and on the drill field. Cpl. Shawn M. Toussaint/Chevron

## CUSTOMS & TRADITIONS

# THE MARINES' HYMN

Following the war with the Barbary Pirates in 1805, when Lt. Presley N. O'Bannon and his small force of Marines participated in the capture of Derne and hoisted the American flag for the first time over a fortress of the Old World, the Colors of the Corps was inscribed with the words: "To the Shores of Tripoli."

After the Marines participated in the capture and occupation of Mexico City and the Castle of Chapultepec, otherwise known as the "Halls of Montezuma," the words on the Colors were changed to read: "From the Shores of Tripoli to the Halls of Montezuma."

Following the close of the Mexican War came the first verse of the Marines' Hymn, written, according to tradition, by a Marine on duty in Mexico. For the sake of euphony, the unknown author transposed the phrases in the motto on the Colors so that the first two lines of the Hymn would read: "From the Halls of Montezuma, to the Shores of Tripoli."

A serious attempt to trace the tune of the Marines' Hymn to its source is revealed in correspondence between Col. A. S. McLemore, and Walter F. Smith, second leader of the Marine Band.

McLemore wrote: "Major Richard Wallach, USMC, says that in 1878, when he was in Paris, France, the aria to which the Marines' Hymn is now sung was a very popular one." The name of the opera and a part of the chorus was secured from Wallach and forwarded to Smith, who replied: "Major Wallach is to be congratulated upon a wonderfully accurate musical memory, for the aria of the Marine Hymn is certainly to be found in the opera, 'Genevieve de Brabant' ... The melody is not in the exact form of the Marine Hymn, but is undoubtedly the aria from which it was taken. I am informed, however, by one of the members of the band, who has a Spanish wife, that the aria was one familiar to her childhood and it may, therefore, be a Spanish folk song."

In a letter to Maj. Harold F. Wirgman, John Philip Sousa says: "The melody of the 'Halls of Montezuma' is taken from Offenbach's comic opera, 'Genevieve de Brabant' and is sung by two gendarmes."

Most people believe that the aria of the Marines' Hymn was, in fact, taken from "Genevieve de Brabant," an opera-bouffe (a farcical form of opera, generally

termed musical comedy) composed by Jacques Offenbach, and presented at the Theatre de Bouffes Parisians, Paris, in November 1859.

Offenbach was born in Cologne, Germany, in 1819 and died in 1880. He studied music from an early age and in 1838 entered the Paris Conservatoire as a student. In 1834, he was admitted as a violoncellist to the "Opera Comique" and soon attained much popularity with Parisian audiences. He became conductor of the Theatre Francais in 1847 and subsequently leased the Theatre Comte, which he reopened as the Bouffes-Parisians. Most of his operas are classified as comic (light and fanciful) and include numerous popular productions, many of which still hold a high place in European and American countries.

Every campaign the Marines have taken part in gives birth to an unofficial verse. For example, the following from Iceland:

*"Again in nineteen forty-one  
We sailed a north'ard course  
And found beneath the midnight sun,  
The Viking and the Norse.  
The Iceland girls were slim and fair,  
And fair the Iceland scenes,  
And the Army found in landing there,  
The United States Marines."*

Copyright ownership of the Marines' Hymn was vested in the United States Marine Corps per certificate of registration dated Aug. 19, 1891, but it is now in the public domain. In 1929, the Commandant of the Marine Corps authorized the following verses of the Marines' Hymn as the official version:

*"From the Halls of Montezuma  
to the Shores of Tripoli,  
We fight our country's battles  
On the land as on the sea.  
First to fight for right and freedom,  
And to keep our honor clean,  
We are proud to claim the title  
of United States Marine."*

*"Our flag's unfurl'd to every breeze  
From dawn to setting sun;  
We have fought in every clime and place*

*Where we could take a gun.  
In the snow of far-off northern lands  
And in sunny tropic scenes,  
You will find us always on the job  
The United States Marines.*

*"Here's health to you and to our Corps  
Which we are proud to serve;  
In many a strife we've fought for life  
And never lost our nerve.  
If the Army and the Navy  
Ever look on Heaven's scenes,  
They will find the streets are guarded  
By United States Marines."*

On November 21, 1942, the Commandant of the Marine Corps approved a change in the words of the fourth line, first verse, to read, "In the air, on land, and sea."

Former Gunner Sgt. H. L. Tallman, veteran observer in Marine Corps aviation who participated in many combat missions with Marine Corps aviation over the Western Front in World War I, first proposed the change at a meeting of the First Marine Aviation Force Veterans Association in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Many interesting stories have been associated with the Marines' Hymn. One of the best was published in the Stars and Stripes, the official newspaper of the American Expeditionary Force, under date of August 16, 1918:

"A wounded officer from among the gallant French lancers had just been carried into a Yankee field hospital to have his dressing changed. He was full of compliments and curiosity about the dashing contingent that fought at his regiment's left.

"A lot of them are mounted troops by this time, he explained, for when our men would be shot from their horses, these youngsters would give one running jump and gallop ahead as cavalry. I believe they are soldiers from Montezuma. At least, when they advanced this morning, they were all singing "From the Halls of Montezuma to the Shores of Tripoli."

The Marines' Hymn has been sung and played wherever U.S. Marines have landed, and today is recognized as one of the foremost military service songs.

Source: Marine Corps History and Museums Division



# HOTEL HELL



Platoon 2082 recruits practice rifle manual outside their barracks. Drill teaches the recruits discipline and helps them become familiar with the M-16 A2 rifle. *Cpl. Shawn M. Toussaint/Chevron*



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Sacramento, Calif.  
Recruited by  
Staff Sgt. J. E. Granado



**Platoon 2082**  
**SERIES HONORMAN**  
PFC B. J. Ramona  
Portland, Ore.  
Recruited by  
Sgt. T. Krause



**Platoon 2077**  
**PLATOON HONORMAN**  
Pvt. J. E. Grossman  
San Francisco, Calif.  
Recruited by  
Sgt. R. N. Ortiz



**Platoon 2078**  
**PLATOON HONORMAN**  
Pvt. J. A. Balderama  
San Antonio, Texas  
Recruited by  
Gunnery Sgt. D. Morales



**Platoon 2081**  
**PLATOON HONORMAN**  
PFC M. J. Adkinson  
Albuquerque, N.M.  
Recruited by  
Sgt. S. P. McNickle



**Platoon 2083**  
**PLATOON HONORMAN**  
PFC L. Pozos  
San Jose, Calif.  
Recruited by  
Staff Sgt. J. E. Trodden



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**HIGH SHOOTER (240)**  
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Chicago  
Recruited by  
Staff Sgt. J. E. Trodden



**Platoon 2081**  
**HIGH PFT (300)**  
PFC M. Navarro  
Los Angeles  
Recruited by  
Staff Sgt. M. Driver

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Staff Sgt. F. J. Munoz  
Staff Sgt. R. L. Bell  
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Pvt. K. M. Bare  
Pvt. J. Barraza

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Pvt. N. K. Bender  
Pvt. J. D. Blackburn  
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Pvt. C. J. Bowman  
Pvt. S. Bravo  
PFC J. O. Brown  
PFC M. L. Calla  
Pvt. S. P. Carroll  
Pvt. B. P. Casares  
Pvt. S. P. Chandler  
Pvt. B. M. Cirilla  
Pvt. L. J. Davis  
Pvt. G. W. Dean  
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Pvt. C. R. Dolego  
Pvt. C. A. Downs  
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PFC C. B. Encarnacion  
PFC D. B. Friedman

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Pvt. E. A. Herman  
Pvt. A. Hernandez  
Pvt. R. J. Houston  
PFC M. J. Jones  
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Pvt. A. J. Koons  
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Pvt. C. A. Davis  
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PFC D. E. English Jr.  
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PFC P. L. Hardware  
Pvt. J. R. Harper  
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Pvt. J. L. Johnson  
Pvt. J. T. Jones  
Pvt. A. E. Keeney  
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Pvt. S. A. Lara-Ruiz  
Pvt. D. M. Lawson  
Pvt. D. W. Lyles  
Pvt. M. R. Puett  
PFC A. J. Walker

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Pvt. M. B. Anderson

**COMPANY CURIOSITIES** Here's how men from Hotel Company answered Chevron's random questions about their boot camp experiences:

**Q:** What was your last day as a civilian like?



**Pvt. Bryan P. Casares**  
Colorado City, Texas

**A:** It was pretty nice because all my true friends came to visit me and wish me luck. I felt proud.

**Q:** Why did you join the Marine Corps?



**Pvt. Marcus E. Perez**  
Salem, Ore.

**A:** I joined the Marine Corps to change my life and to serve the country that serves me.

**Q:** What was the worst civilian job you had?



**Pvt. Richard J. Houston**  
Bay City, Texas

**A:** Weekend janitor.

**Q:** What was the worst day in boot camp?



**Pvt. Sean J. Elliott**  
South Jordan, Utah

**A:** The day I twisted my ankle and started limping. I was scared I was going to get dropped.

**Q:** What's your job going to be?



**Pvt. Joseph M. Belgio**  
Darien, Ill.

**A:** Artillery – I wanted to blow things up.

Pvt. A. W. Anderson  
Pvt. C. J. Barraza  
PFC C. J. Boykin  
PFC B. P. Brown  
Pvt. J. L. Caster-Eldridge  
Pvt. R. W. Chandler  
PFC S. A. Chase  
Pvt. D. Cho  
Pvt. C. J. Conner  
PFC E. J. Conrad  
Pvt. J. D. Deaver  
Pvt. E. O. Diazbellozo  
Pvt. T. J. Eichelberger  
Pvt. K. J. Endries  
Pvt. J. J. Harrelson  
Pvt. J. W. Hunt  
Pvt. B. S. Johansen  
PFC G. R. Joyer  
Pvt. A. Lagos  
Pvt. T. D. Lewis  
Pvt. C. L. Liccardi  
Pvt. A. N. Littrell  
PFC D. J. Lopez  
Pvt. S. E. Macias  
PFC J. F. Marsden  
PFC P. Martinez  
PFC M. W. McClintick  
Pvt. M. N. Miznar  
Pvt. R. D. Montez  
Pvt. M. Navarro  
Pvt. D. Pelloso  
PFC K. J. Potter  
Pvt. J. L. Quessenberry  
PFC R. B. Roberts  
PFC T. C. Routh  
Pvt. N. R. Seeba

Pvt. R. W. Winchester  
PFC A. D. Zehr

**PLATOON 2083**  
Senior Drill Instructor  
Sgt. L. J. Garcia  
Sgt. R. W. Cardon

Pvt. D. M. Hernandez  
Pvt. N. J. Pecky  
Pvt. R. A. Mitchell  
PFC D. R. Mugan

PFC A. M. Munoz  
Pvt. E. E. Ortiz-Valdez  
Pvt. M. J. Pablo  
PFC N. J. Parr  
Pvt. N. D. Peck  
Pvt. C. M. Peck  
Pvt. J. Perez  
Pvt. J. A. Perez  
Pvt. J. H. Posey  
Pvt. D. L. Powell  
Pvt. L. Pozos  
Pvt. M. B. Ramey  
Pvt. S. A. Rarden  
Pvt. B. V. Reed

PFC T. W. Richardson  
Pvt. J. C. Rowell  
PFC C. Salvador  
Pvt. A. Santiago  
Pvt. D. M. Santos  
PFC B. M. Sauer  
Pvt. J. T. Schnier  
Pvt. M. P. Schwab  
Pvt. J. H. Sherman  
Pvt. J. A. Smith  
Pvt. J. J. Smith  
Pvt. D. J. Snodgrass  
Pvt. C. P. Sotello  
PFC K. Thao

Pvt. J. P. Thompson  
Pvt. S. V. Trejo  
Pvt. V. T. Twotwo  
Pvt. M. R. Walsh  
Pvt. C. M. Watters  
Pvt. A. R. Welch  
Pvt. C. R. White  
Pvt. J. C. Winchester  
Pvt. M. E. Winterrowd  
Pvt. J. D. Wolfenden  
PFC C. B. Wyatt

\*Meritorious promotion



PFC Jason E. Grossman, honor man, Platoon 2082, Company H, looks up for further instructions from his drill instructor during a close-order drill session. *Cpl. Shawn M. Toussaint/Chevron*



**Lt. Col. William F. Walsh**  
PARADE REVIEWING OFFICER

Lt. Col. William F. Walsh was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps in December 1983, having completed his undergraduate education at the University Of Maryland.

Following completion of The Basic School and Artillery Officer's Basic Course, he was assigned to 1st Battalion, 11th Marines in May 1985 and served as a forward observer, fire direction officer, howitzer platoon commander, artillery liaison officer and battery executive officer.

He participated in various fire support and combined-arms exercises and two MAGTF deployments to the Western Pacific.

In June 1988, Walsh was reassigned to the Marine Artillery Detachment, Fort Sill, Okla., for duty as executive officer and later as commanding officer, Marine Battery, 1st Battalion, 78th Field Artillery.

Upon completion of Amphibious Warfare School, he was ordered to 2nd Marine Division during September 1992 and served in 1st Bn., 10th Marines.

His billets included battery commander, artillery liaison officer and battalion operations officer.

In July 1995, Walsh reported to Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego for duty as operations officer, Headquarters and Service Battalion, and was later assigned to Recruit Training Regiment for duty as executive officer, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion and director, Drill Instructor School.

In July 1999, he was assigned to Camp Fuji, Japan, as the camp's executive officer and subsequently to Tactical Training Group Pacific for duty as an instructor.

Since July 2000, he has served as executive officer, RTR.

Walsh's personal decorations include four Meritorious Service Medals, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and the Army Achievement Medal.

He is married to the former Karla Muirhead of Rockville, Maryland, and they have three children.





The baseball diamonds located behind the Branch Medical Clinic and Mess Hall 569 provide an athletic escape for many of the intramural softball participants who work on a day-to-day basis aboard the Depot. Games take place every Tuesday during the intramural softball season, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

# FROM *the* STANDS

*No matter what the score, Cup spectators win every time*

CPL. SHAWN M. TOUSSAINT  
*Chevron staff*

In the Commanding General's Cup intramural softball league, winners and losers are made on just about every Tuesday and Thursday.

During softball action June 29, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion's Big Blue players were winners and the Provost Marshal's Office players were losers; however, there's one team that comes out every CG's Cup game undefeated. Its teammates consist of spouses, children, loved ones, fans and pets of those who come out to support their favorite teams during the season.

For many of these dedicated fans, the Commanding General's Cup means much more than mere points on paper.

"These events provide the opportunity for spouses to get to know other families," said Corrine G. Cruz, who brought Baby, the family dog, to watch the game and play with the children. "I think it's a great way for the Ma-

rines to relieve stress, and it's a good way to bring the family together, especially for those who don't get to see their family often."

"It's great to come out to see and share in the camaraderie," said Alicia R. Silva who came out to support her husband, Sgt. Adrian P. Silva, Provost Marshal's Office. "It's so much fun to come out and see him play."

As the teams on the field played a 10-1 blowout, the sideliners didn't seem to mind the score. They were busy playing with Baby and building new friendships.

"We are pleased to see the excitement the CG's Cup brings to the service members and their families," said varsity sports coordinator Rafael Aceves. "We hope to continue serving the service members and their families and providing fun outlets for them to enjoy."

To catch the final few weeks of intramural softball action, call Rachel M. Dickinson, intramural sports coordinator at (619) 524-0548, or just head out to the baseball diamonds located behind Mess Hall 569 and the Branch Medical Clinic.



Shiori Rivers, with children Jairo and Ryuto, watches her husband Staff Sgt. Berry D. Rivers as he goes to bat for 3rd Bn. Rivers is a drill instructor at 3rd Bn.